

A call for a formal plan for monitoring landbirds in Alaska Part I

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Where we began with monitoring — 1991 —

- Almost no basis to determine population status.
- Only monitoring tool was the BBS.
- From 1968-1991 only 8 routes run for 5 sequential years. Total of 57 routes run.
- High turnover of observers.

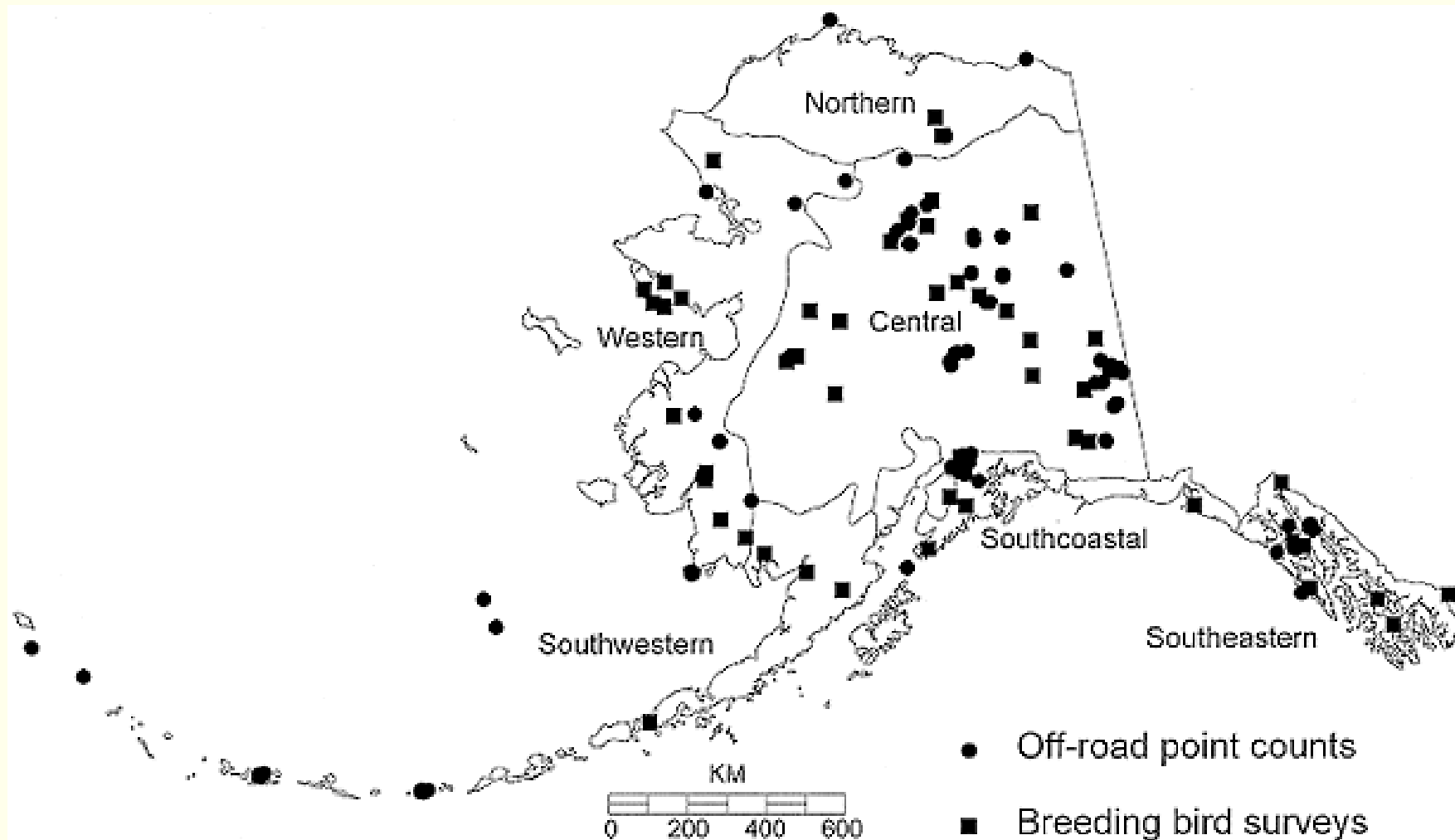
Initial Goals

— 1992 —

- Increase coverage and consistency of the BBS.
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 - Off-road Point Count Program
 - Migration Monitoring network
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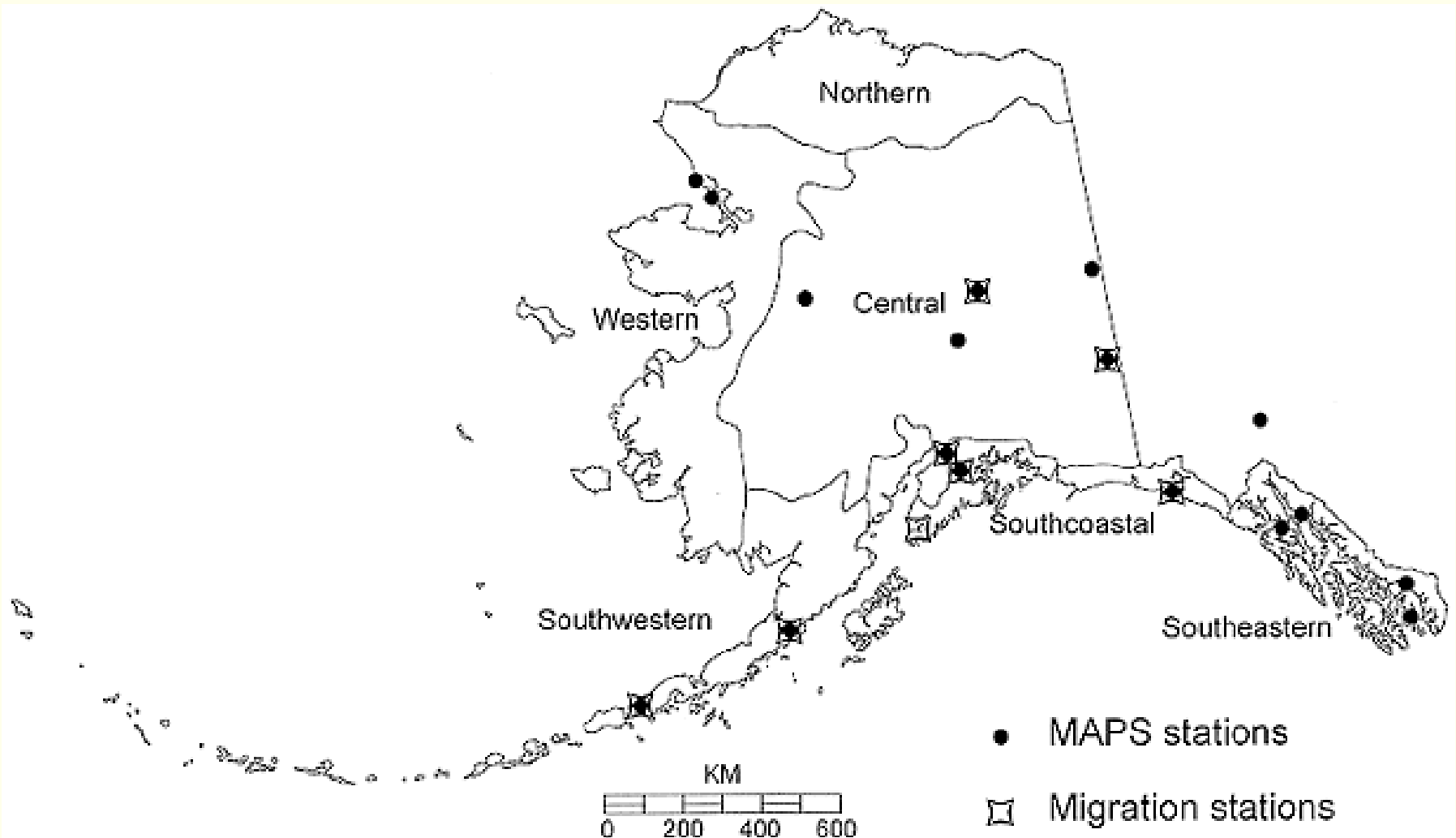
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Evaluating progress towards meeting our initial goals

— *Today* —

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PIF Continental Plan

Arctic

“Lack of information on population status of most Arctic landbirds.”

Boreal Forests

“Breeding season monitoring suitable to remote areas needs to be developed and implemented.”

— *Future* —

- Address relevant goals that have not been met.
- Establish new short- and long-term goals.
- Develop a Monitoring Plan to articulate our goals?